

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/664,303

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the paper filed 19 February 2004.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-51.

3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892).

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/19/04

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-51 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

The prior art fails to disclose or suggest a composition comprising the compound of endo and exo Norbornene-CH₂C(RfRf')OH wherein the endo/exo concentration ratio is no greater than 5/95 (claim 1), a polymer comprising 10 to 60 mol % of the compound of claim 1 wherein the endo/exo concentration ratio is no greater than 5/95 (claim 6), a process of preparing a composition having the compound of claim 1 wherein the endo/exo concentration ratio is no greater than 5/95 (claim 16), a photoresist comprising a photoactive agent and a polymer comprising 10 to 60 mol % of the compound of claim 1 wherein the endo/exo concentration ratio is no greater than 5/95, an article comprising a semiconducting substrate having a surface and a photoresist film wherein the film comprises a photoactive agent and a polymer comprising 10 to 60 mol % of the compound of claim 1 wherein the endo/exo concentration ratio is no greater than 5/95 and a process of preparing a patterned article by forming a target surface by disposing upon a semiconducting substrate a photoresist film wherein the film comprises a photoactive agent and a polymer comprising 10 to 60 mol % of the compound of claim 1 wherein the endo/exo concentration ratio is no greater than 5/95.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Applicant was not called for authorization of the examiner's amendment because the amendments are directed to spelling and grammatical issues and do not effect the claimed subject matter.

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The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 10, lines 1-2, delete "the fluoroolefin is selected from the consisting of".

Claim 31, line 4, delete "compromising" and insert ---comprising about---.

Claim 41, line 5, delete "compromising" and insert ---comprising about---.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rosemary E. Ashton whose telephone number is 571-272-1326. The examiner works a part-time work schedule and can normally be reached M-F between 11:30 am – 5:30 pm.

If multiple attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly can be reached at 571-272-1526.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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